

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 877

Florida Agricultural Museum

SPONSOR(S): Mayfield

TIED BILLS:

IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 2010

	REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1)	<u>General Government Policy Council</u>	<u></u>	<u>Kaiser</u>	<u>Hamby</u>
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The Florida Agricultural Museum (museum) is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to preserving Florida's rich agricultural history. The museum features an outdoor historical farm covering more than 400 acres. The buildings, equipment and implements depict the progression of Florida agriculture through the years.

During the budget cuts of 2008, the Legislature removed all funding for the museum due to a decrease in use and significant increases in the cost of operation.

The bill repeals the Florida Agricultural Museum, as well as all references to the museum, from Florida statutes.

The bill has no fiscal impact. The effective date is July 1, 2010.

HOUSE PRINCIPLES

Members are encouraged to evaluate proposed legislation in light of the following guiding principles of the House of Representatives

- Balance the state budget.
- Create a legal and regulatory environment that fosters economic growth and job creation.
- Lower the tax burden on families and businesses.
- Reverse or restrain the growth of government.
- Promote public safety.
- Promote educational accountability, excellence, and choice.
- Foster respect for the family and for innocent human life.
- Protect Florida's natural beauty.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

While the Florida Agricultural Museum (museum) was officially designated during the legislative session of 1992¹, the museum got its start almost a decade earlier when then-Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Connor enlisted the help of a group of concerned agriculturalists and historians to preserve Florida's agricultural history, which was quickly being lost to development.

The museum is located in Flagler County and is a private not-for-profit corporation led by a board of trustees. The museum features an outdoor historical farm covering more than 400 acres. The buildings, equipment and implements depict the progression of Florida agriculture through the years.

In addition to preserving Florida's agricultural past, the museum is active in the conservation of heritage livestock including the Florida Cracker cattle and horses. The museum also offers horseback riding and school tours, as well as hosting various agricultural events throughout the year.

During the budget cuts of 2008, the Legislature removed all funding for the museum due to a decrease in use and significant increases in the cost of operation.

Section 570.901, F.S., referencing the Florida Agricultural Museum, is repealed, as are all cross-references to the museum.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Repeals s. 570.901, F.S., relating to the designation of the Florida Agricultural Museum (museum).

Section 2: Amends s. 570.902, F.S.; deleting the definition of "museum."

Section 3: Amends s. 570.903, F.S.; deleting references to the museum.

Section 4: Provides an effective date of July 1, 2010.

¹ Chapter 92-151, L.O.F.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

This bill does not appear to require counties or municipalities to take an action requiring the expenditure of funds, reduce the authority that counties or municipalities have to raise revenue in the aggregate, nor reduce the percentage of state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

2. Other:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES